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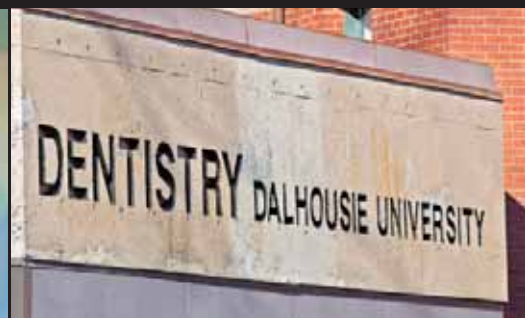
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Lawyer for Dalhousie whistleblower says suspension based on his activity on single post

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4 ACTORS, 130 CHARACTERS, 39 STEPS

Marisa McIntyre, left, and Jacob James pose for a photo during a media call for Neptune Theatre's production of *The 39 Steps*. The play, inspired by the Alfred Hitchcock film, officially opens on Friday night. Story, page 8. JEFF HARPER/METRO

'He's a normal guy:' Neighbour

Canadawide warrant.

Cole Harbour residents react to arrest of suspect in chemical scare case

Residents of a quiet Cole Harbour neighbourhood say they're surprised one of their neighbours was arrested in connection with hazardous chemicals found nearby.

Christopher Phillips, manager of Neurology and Sleep Medicine Associates Inc. for the past six years according to his LinkedIn page, was arrested in an Ottawa hotel early Wednesday morning on a Canada-wide warrant, after RCMP found dangerous chemicals at 54 Lakeridge Cres. and a cottage on Old Dyke Road.

Neighbours said Phillips and his wife, Dr. Gosia Phillips, live on Parkedge Crescent with their children and Gosia's mother while renovating the Lakeridge residence around the

corner, where chemicals were found.

"(I'm) quite surprised," said a Lakeridge neighbour who preferred not to give his name, but added Phillips had bought the house in April and been working on it since last June.

"He's a normal guy, or seemed like a normal guy," he said.

George Munroe said his wife is friendly with Gosia Phillips, and their children go over for play dates with the Phillips' kids.

Phillips had mentioned he was a doctor with a background in the military, Munroe said.

"Just a normal family," Munroe said. "Barbecues and that kind of stuff."

Phillips attended the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, the University of Texas Medical School at Houston for ophthalmology, and Suffolk University Law School according to his LinkedIn resume.

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Washmill Lake project washed away millions

Issues. Auditor general's report cites numerous problems with city's handling of underpass construction



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A report from HRM's auditor general says the Washmill Lake underpass must be considered a failure not only because of multi-million cost overruns, but because of the "perfect storm" of breakdowns in process, governance and controls.

"Systems and controls were weak and could not be relied upon," Larry Munroe told the audit and finance standing committee Wednesday. "Efficiency, economy and effectiveness were not achieved, therefore management was unable to adequately demonstrate value for money."

Munroe's office launched a review of the underpass in December 2012, a year after the project was officially opened.

The final 129-page report suggests the project — initially expected to cost \$10 million but ended up costing \$17 million — suffered from a lack of clear definition and assessment, fragmented management, and a "significant void" in terms of both the quality and quantity of documentation.

"My view is, there were lots of signs this project was in trouble long before we called it 'in trouble,'" said Munroe.



A report on the Washmill Lake underpass, shown here, was discussed for several hours on Wednesday by the city's auditor general. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Although the cost overruns were the product of systemic issues, the report highlights management's failure "to have formal processes or documented procedures to deliver a well-researched and documented project scope as the foundation for a well-prepared and documented budget."

He cites the view of many city staffers that the most significant factor leading to the cost overruns was HRM had never attempted this type and scale of project before, meaning it should have been considered "high-risk."

However, Munroe found

In numbers

55

CAO Richard Butts said the municipality has responded to each of the 55 recommendations in Munroe's report and has already acted on about 75 per cent of them.

staff didn't communicate with regional council in a "clear and transparent manner" about the organizational risks related to budget and scope.

"I just can not say this enough," he said. "Ensure

The future

- Councillors will debate the auditor general's report at the next meeting of the audit and finance committee.

regional council is made aware of these risks when making decisions."

Munroe repeated his call for HRM to have a risk management officer, a recommendation he has made before.

However, CAO Richard

Butts said, the municipality has improved its day-to-day risk management since the Washmill project, and will acquire specific expertise "where and when needed," citing the hiring of a dedicated project manager for the removal and transformation of the Cogswell Interchange.

"It's a really complex project that requires skill sets that we don't possess on an ongoing basis ... so we're taking the advice of the auditor general and putting in place things that we know from experience to deliver better outcomes," said Butts.

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Student punished over 'guilt by association,' says lawyer

Scandal at Dalhousie.

Whistleblower linked to activity by flimsiest evidence, says lawyers



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The dentistry student who blew the whistle on a controversial Facebook group at Dalhousie University will remain suspended for what his lawyers are calling "guilt by association."

Ryan Millet's lawyer Bruce MacIntosh explained that Millet testified before the Academic Standards Class Committee during a disciplinary hearing Tuesday evening that lasted nearly 4-1/2 hours before an adjournment was ordered.

During a news conference Wednesday morning, MacIntosh raised a number of complaints with the committee's handling of Millet's case.

"The existing student process is irrevocably broken," said MacIntosh, citing that a full disclosure against his client was never presented before the hearing.

"We learned a great deal last night that had never been seen by us before," MacIntosh told reporters.

Lawyer Sarah MacIntosh, who is also representing Mil-

Disciplinary procedure

A spokesperson from Dalhousie University said each of the 13 members of the Facebook group will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Academic Standards Class Committee but provided no other details on the process.

let, said university administration possesses around 50 pages of Facebook materials from the Class of DDS 2015 Gentlemen group.

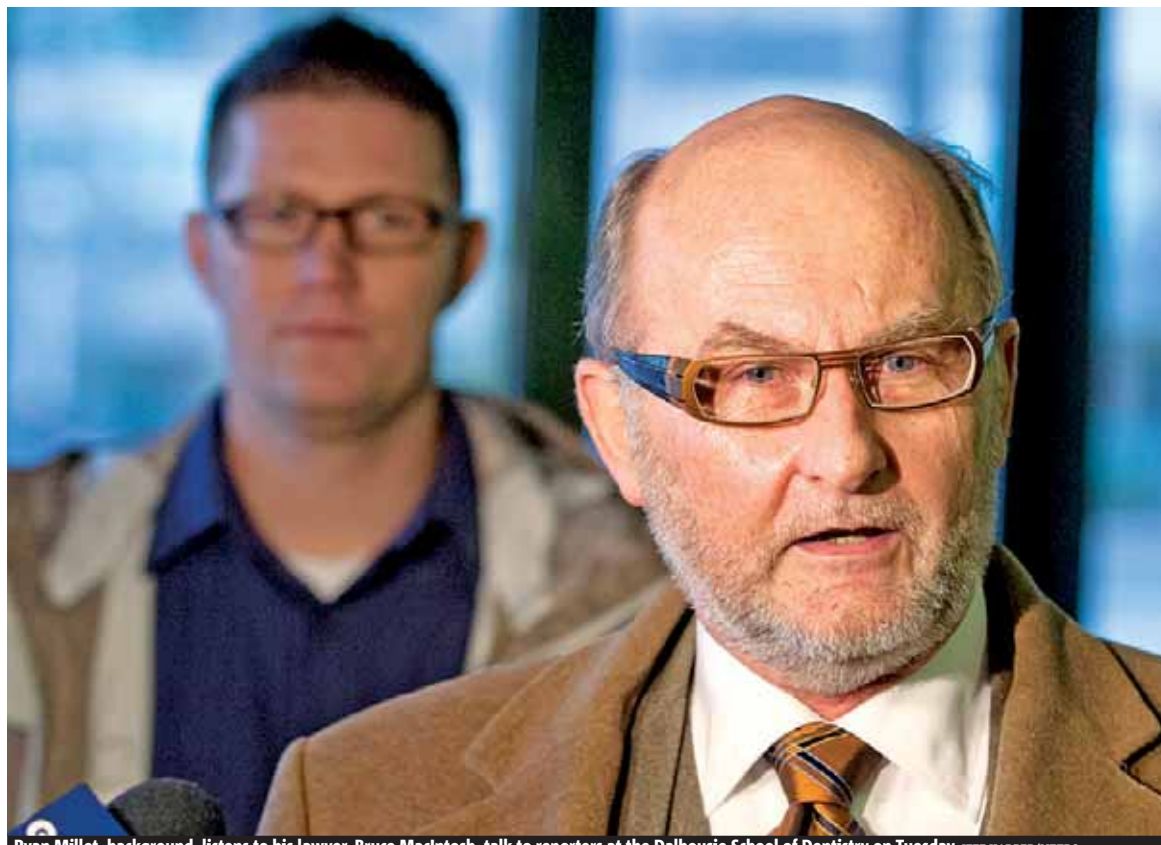
The committee ruled that six posts were grounds for Millet's suspension due to "blatant unprofessionalism."

Millet had not actively participated — liked or made comments — in five of those posts, she said.

"Some of (those posts) were homophobic, some were sexist, some were misogynistic and at least ... one of those given were a serious breach of patient confidentiality," Sarah MacIntosh told reporters.

She said posts include a statement about a penis being used as a tool to convert lesbians and a photograph of a patient lying on a table; it was unclear whether the latter had been taken at the school's dental clinic.

MacIntosh said Millet's only activity in the Facebook group was "liking" a



Ryan Millet, background, listens to his lawyer, Bruce MacIntosh, talk to reporters at the Dalhousie School of Dentistry on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

photograph taken from the website Vitamin-Ha, showing a woman sitting on stairs with the words "public entrance" beneath her.

"He did not post the photograph; he did not comment on the photograph. He clicked the 'like' button, and clicking the 'like' button on that photo resulted in his indefinite suspension and has put his degree at Dalhousie and career on the line," Bruce MacIntosh said.

The committee also ruled that Millet's membership in the group contributed to his suspension because he was a bystander to the inappropriate comments — despite the fact Millet says he was involuntarily added as a member three years ago, Sarah MacIntosh explained.

"(If) guilt by association is the new standard for finding of unprofessionalism, I mean, people should be going and looking at what

movies they watch, what parties they might have been at where other people made inappropriate comments last weekend."

Lawyers said Millet's fate remains undecided, as there is no word yet on the length of his suspension.

Bruce MacIntosh told reporters Millet feels he is "on the edge" of losing his degree after nearly eight years of school and more than \$400,000 in student debt.



Lawyer Sarah MacIntosh

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"That is the only piece of evidence they have linking Ryan to active participation in those 53 pages."

Lawyer Bruce MacIntosh, in reference to the Facebook "like"

'You can't be a bystander,' expert warns

Questions of what it means to be a bystander and the culpability of association have been raised in light of the dentistry scandal unfolding at Dalhousie University.

Lawyers of student Ryan Millet, who blew the whistle on the infamous Class of DDS 2015 Gentlemen Facebook group, claim he was a passive bystander to many of the in-

appropriate comments that were posted online and therefore should not have been suspended.

In fact, during a news conference Wednesday morning, lawyer Sarah MacIntosh said Millet was oblivious to two of the six posts that have resulted in his suspension on the grounds of unprofessionalism.

Jody Clarke, academic dean

Quoted

"Simply saying you're a bystander is abdicating your responsibility as a citizen."

Jody Clarke

of the Atlantic School of Theology, explains that in today's digital age, everyone must be extra-vigilant in policing how

his or her image is portrayed online.

He calls the situation at Dalhousie unfortunate but warns

that claiming to be merely a bystander does not exonerate a person from a moral obligation to judge right from wrong.

"You can't be a bystander," he said Wednesday.

"The question is, when something's happening to somebody else, do we have an ethical responsibility to make an intervention?"

"Can you be charged if you see a child walk out in the street and get struck by a car and lie there and you just stand back? That's a bystander."

He also believes that professions are in their right to hold their members to higher levels of accountability for their actions.

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'Mile-high club.' Court hears explicit testimony

A flight attendant told the trial of a woman accused of committing an indecent act on a Toronto-to-Halifax flight that the woman and a man used a coat to cover their laps and fondled each other.

The trial for 25-year-old Alicia Elizabeth Lander got underway Wednesday at Dartmouth provincial court.

Lander has pleaded not guilty to committing indecent acts, assaulting a police officer, committing an act of mischief and causing a disturbance at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport last Jan. 24.

John Dunn, who was service director for Air Canada Flight 610, testified for the Crown that Lander had asked if she could change seats to sit with her friend after boarding the plane in Toronto.

Dunn said that about an hour into the flight, a passenger told him the people sitting in 14A and 14B were about to join the "mile-high club."

He testified that he approached Lander and the man and found them with a jacket over their laps but said he could tell what was happening underneath. He said he could see Lander's thighs and pink thong.

"Her pants were down around her ankles," said Dunn. "I said, 'I want you to stop this now. It's inappropriate.'"

Dunn said Lander's hand was in the area of the man's crotch, making an up-and-down motion.



An Air Canada flight
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

He said he asked Lander to get dressed and she eventually pulled up her pants, although she initially denied not being clothed. Dunn said Lander was then asked to go back to the seat she was originally assigned in row 26, where she slept for the remainder of the flight.

He said he notified the captain of the incident, who arranged to have RCMP officers meet them at the gate.

Jason George Chase, 39, was also charged with committing an indecent act in connection with the same incident and had originally pleaded not guilty but changed his plea to guilty on Wednesday. Chase's lawyer says he will seek a conditional discharge, and his case has been adjourned until March 27.

It's not clear whether Lander and Chase knew each other prior to the incident.

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Dartmouth

Elderly man dies in hospital after collision

Police say an elderly man wounded while crossing a road in Dartmouth has died in hospital.

Halifax Regional Police issued a release Wednesday saying that 81-year-old Arthur Crann of Dartmouth died Tuesday because of his injuries sustained in the accident.

On Jan. 9 around 6:30 p.m., police were called to the scene in the 200 block of Wyse Road.

Police say a minivan was driving north when it hit Crann, who was attempting to cross the road.

Crann was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries, police say.

The driver of the van and a passenger weren't injured.

SYDNEY JONES/FOR METRO

Bridgewater

Mounties invite public to sign book of condolences for Const. Wynn

RCMP in Nova Scotia are inviting people to offer their support to the family of Const. David Wynn through signing a book of condolences.

Wynn used to work and live in Bridgewater. He died in hospital Wednesday from injuries he sustained several days earlier while serving in the line of duty.

Condolence books have been placed at police and RCMP detachments in Bridgewater and Halifax, as well as at the Bridgewater EHS station, where Wynn formerly worked as a paramedic.

The public can also drop off condolence cards to their local RCMP station, which will be forwarded to Wynn's family.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO



The RCMP and Halifax fire service set up along Dyke Road on Wednesday in Grand Desert. Five homes in the area were evacuated. JEFF HARPER/METRO

'Nobody wants to think this is in their backyard'

Dangerous chemicals. Suspect at centre of investigation in Halifax arrested in Ottawa

A 42-year-old man at the centre of a dangerous-chemicals investigation in Halifax was quietly arrested at an Ottawa hotel Wednesday as police tried to determine what the hazardous material was intended for.

The RCMP issued a Canada-wide warrant for the suspect after a "large quantity" of chemicals were discovered inside two homes in the Halifax area, Cpl. Greg Church said, though he declined to specify how many were found.

The suspect was arrested without incident at the Chimo Hotel and taken into custody after Ottawa police found his vehicle, Church said. He has

not been charged.

The Mounties in Nova Scotia, who are handling the investigation, declined to name the man under arrest. But the manager of the man's ex-wife said police told her the suspect's identity.

Nick Furriss said Shannon Miller, a former Olympic gymnast for the U.S., was told by police that her ex-husband, Christopher Phillips, was arrested in the incident.

"Upon hearing the recent news surrounding Christopher Phillips, my prayers immediately go to the safety of those around him," Miller said in a statement.

"I'm thankful that the brave men and women of the Ottawa police department and other law-enforcement agencies were able to apprehend him and defuse the situation."

Church said some of the chemicals found in Halifax were labelled and confirmed

Ottawa

RCMP investigators from Nova Scotia are travelling to Ottawa to interview the suspect, Church said.

to be "volatile and dangerous," while other chemicals have yet to be identified. He said a chemist will be brought in to help with the police investigation.

An explosive-disposal unit, forensic-identification experts and hazardous-material crews were also enlisted to help with the investigation in Halifax, where evacuations in the communities of Cole Harbour and Grand Desert were ordered Tuesday as a result of the discovery. The evacuation of four homes within a 250-metre radius of a cottage in Grand Desert remained in effect Wednesday night.

David Croft, a resident of Grand Desert, watched as hazardous-material teams worked near the small red cottage where the chemicals were discovered.

He said families in the area were concerned to hear there were still chemicals in the residence as of Wednesday evening.

"It's a concern for our neighbours and family for anything like this to take place. Nobody wants to think this is in their backyard," said Croft.

In Ottawa, police said they found no hazardous materials following an overnight evacuation of the Chimo Hotel in the city's east end and there were no concerns for public safety.

Const. Chuck Benoit of the Ottawa police said there's no information suggesting there was a threat to national security or a connection to terrorism. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Marital issues, bankruptcy plagued suspect



Police hold a scene at 95 Dyke Rd. on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Christopher Phillips, arrested Wednesday after the dramatic overnight evacuation of an Ottawa hotel, has a past that includes an acrimonious split from a former Olympic gymnast and a bankruptcy marked by debts of nearly \$4.7 million. It appears Phillips has links to the U.S. military. Bankruptcy documents say that he received tens of thousands of dollars in "military disability" payments between 2006 and 2008.

Neither the RCMP nor Ottawa police have identified Phillips — an ophthalmologist by trade — but the manager of his ex-wife said police told her the suspect's identity.

Nick Furriss said Shannon Miller, a former Olympic gymnast for the U.S., was told by police that her ex-husband was arrested in the incident.

Phillips and Miller were married in a lavish ceremony in Oklahoma City in June 1999.

The marriage lasted only seven years.

Miller filed for divorce in May 2004.

The case dragged on for more than two years as the couple fought over money, according to a 2006 report published on NewsOK.com.

Phillips has made a number of allegations about Miller. She in turn has called the marriage "a painful experience."

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Handful of actors juggle scores of roles in Hitchcock-inspired play

The 39 Steps. Neptune Theatre piece based on 1935 film noir version



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Mrs. Higgins, the Scottish crofter, the sheriff and Mrs. Jordan are just a handful of the roles found in Christian Murray's script of *The 39 Steps*.

He's one of four people sharing the play's staggering 130 characters.

The 39 Steps, originally written as a spy novel in 1915 and later adapted into the 1935 film by Alfred Hitchcock, follows the heroic journey of a man wrongly accused of murder who tries to prevent a government secret from falling into hands of a foreign power on the eve of war — in this version, the Second World War.

"It's an homage to Alfred Hitchcock's film of the same name and very much an homage to the style of filmmaking that he perfected beautifully

— film noir," said director Dayna Tekatch in an interview.

Murray, whose official role is called "clown one," is joined by Jacob James playing Richard Hannay, Marisa McIntyre playing several different women and Rhys Bevan-John as "clown two."

Murray and Bevan-John, longtime friends and both physical theatre actors, share the bulk of the characters. They can often be seen twirling about the stage, making snap character changes by altering their accents or switching hats.

"People don't get to see this type of work every day," said Murray just after rehearsal at Neptune Theatre recently. "It feeds you as an audience and lets you feed off the stage."

It's a feat of choreography that requires months of preparation, said Tekatch.

"It's incredibly athletic of mind and body," said Tekatch, explaining that the drop of a hat can throw off an entire scene.

They've been running one particularly tricky scene al-



Christian Murray, from left, Rhys Bevan-John and Jacob James run through a scene from *The 39 Steps* during a media preview at Neptune Theatre this week.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

most every day, she said.

"The challenge is to really differentiate the characters so the audience can follow the plot," said Murray, adding that the cast is also responsible for set changes, which adds to the calculated chaos.

"You're always trying to make sure that the audience

is not confused, or only confused when they should be."

Tekatch described the play as a hysterical spy adventure, sprinkled with romance.

"It's an incredible opportunity to get out of your own life. To be lost in someone else's adventure," she said.

"On a cold January or Feb-

ruary night, it is romance, it is deep adventure, and it is absolutely hilarious. It's a chance to step out of our everyday existence."

Murray said the play — a longtime hit in London's West End — also has a Canadian connection. Its original writer, John Buchan, served as the

Governor General of Canada in the 1930s.

Quoted

"While comedy is what we're going for, we also want the adventure tale to be real, and the love story to be real."

Dayna Tekatch, director of *The 39 Steps*

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Impaired driving

Court rejects appeal of Antigonish man

The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal has upheld the conviction of an Antigonish man sentenced to six years in prison after a two-vehicle crash that killed two teens in 2011. William Byron Fogarty was found guilty of impaired driving causing death and dangerous driving causing death.

Last month, Fogarty's lawyer told the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal that his client should have had a chance to speak with a lawyer after he took part in a drug recognition evaluation. However, the three appeal court justices denied the appeal in a decision released Tuesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Human rights

Matthew Johns versus Sobeys to start Friday

An independent Nova Scotia human rights board of inquiry in the case of Matthew Johns versus Sobeys is scheduled to begin on Friday. Johns alleges that he was discriminated against while employed by Sobeys because of his aboriginal origin. His employer, Sobeys, denies any allegations of discrimination.

The board of inquiry will be held at the Old Orchard Inn in Greenwich.

The board chairman is Dennis James, who is independent of the commission, which is a party representing the public interest at the board of inquiry. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cape Breton

Body found after fire still not identified: Police

Police in Sydney say they are still trying to confirm the cause of death after a body was found following a suspicious house fire early Monday.

Cape Breton Regional Police say given the condition of the body it could take some time to identify the victim, who is believed to be a woman.

The body was found inside the home on the Lingan Road.

Two police investigative units and the provincial fire marshal's office continue to work at the scene.

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A view of Halifax City Hall. Councillors raised concerns during the latest round of budget deliberations over a review of salaries that bumped non-union pay scales. METRO FILE

Pay-scale bump creates concern

City. Councillors raise questions about fairness, budgetary impact

Councillors raised concerns during the latest round of budget deliberations over a review of salaries that bumped non-union pay scales up by thousands of dollars — though city staffers were quick to emphasize no employees received pay raises because of the increase.

Human resources director Catherine Mullally told council's committee of the whole Wednesday the "pay bands" — the range of possible salaries for various director and manager positions — had been raised in order to improve recruitment prospects for top positions.

"We weren't able to recruit the top candidates within the public sector environment because of our salaries," she said. "We were very fortunate in a number of instances ... to get excellent candidates because they've retired from previous positions ... so we are benefiting from retirement."

The pay bands, which haven't been reviewed since 2010, were measured against similar organizations across the country and set so half of comparable organizations would pay more and half would pay less than in Halifax.

At a glance

The increases range from a minimum of \$6,000 to more than \$30,000 for some top-level director positions.

Some councillors questioned that methodology, especially after hearing only about 20 per cent of the organizations used for comparison are located in Atlantic Canada.

Other councillors raised questions about fairness, asking whether a new hire could receive a higher salary than an employee who had been with the city for 10 years.

"There is the chance, particularly for a hard-to-fill job, that somebody's going to demand more," said Mullally, adding every salary offer is analyzed based on experience. "Any salary above what would normally be recommended would need approval of the CAO. But there has to be a huge reason."

Though no employees received raises due to the increase in pay bands, some who were at the top of the bands did receive lump-sum payments as a result of performance reviews in 2014-15.

However, CFO Greg Keefe said there will be no impact on the budget in 2015-16, as those employees will receive the same total amount of money as salary. **RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO**

Financial woes. Board approves dissolution of Town of Springhill

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board has approved the dissolution of the Town of Springhill.

In a decision released Wednesday, the province's regulator says dissolution is the best option for residents given the town's financial problems and reduced ability to maintain its infrastructure.

The board has ordered the

dissolution to take effect at midnight March 31 at which time it will become a part of the Municipality of Cumberland County.

It says the municipality will conduct a governance study in the coming months to determine the number of councillors and the boundaries for polling districts to take effect for the October 2016 municipal election.

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Contract

Irving Shipbuilding to lead \$26B frigate replacement program

Days after signing a contract to build its long-anticipated Arctic patrol ships, the Harper government has quietly indicated it will designate Halifax-based Irving Shipbuilding

as the prime contractor on the planned replacement program for the navy's frigates.

Several defence and government sources say the word came during a closed-door presentation Tuesday to defence contractors looking to bid on the yet-to-be designed \$26-billion Canadian Surface Combatant program.

The ability to designate which company will be the prime contractor was

contained in the national shipbuilding strategy, which designated Irving as the go-to company to construct the navy's future warships.

The yard had already been designated as the prime contractor on the Arctic ships, which are not as sophisticated as the surface combatants will need to be.

A government source said a contract for Irving to oversee the frigate

replacement has yet to be signed and will require the approval of the federal Treasury Board when it is drafted.

It's unclear how much the contract will be worth.

The Conservatives have said they're interested in building as many as 15 warships, but experts have warned the corrosive effect of delays and inflation means they likely won't end up with that many.

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Mounties will conduct review of interactions with shooter: RCMP

Mountie shooting.

Alberta officials hope to uncover whether anything could have been done to keep Rehn off the streets

An Alberta RCMP official says the Mounties will carry out their own review of their interactions with the man who shot two officers.

Assistant Commissioner Marlin Degrand says the force wants to know if there's anything it could have done to help keep Shawn Rehn off the streets.

"We're very concerned about the fact that an individual with his criminal history came into contact with our officers," Degrand said Wednesday at an RCMP news conference.

"And we are actually ... undertaking to unpack all of our interactions with this individual to see if there's anything ... that we could have done that could have helped to avoid him continue on this career path of being a criminal."



Const. David Wynn
RCMP/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta's justice minister also ordered a review Wednesday into how the Crown handled the career criminal.

Jonathan Denis said the review will be done in addition to any fatality inquiry that may be called.

Rehn, 34, was found dead of an apparent suicide in a rural home not far from the casino.

Const. David Wynn, 42, died in hospital Wednesday from a head wound. He never regained consciousness after he was shot.

Auxiliary Const. Derek Bond, 49, faces a long recovery

at home after being shot in the arm and torso.

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson, commenting on the shooting on Sunday, was one of the first to question why Rehn was still on the streets. He said he had never seen such a complex criminal record.

"The pain caused by this tragedy to the officers, their families and colleagues and the community as a whole is nothing short of profound," he said.

"The multiple agencies that are involved are asking a question: Could this incident have been prevented? That's a question that I ask as well."

Documents show Rehn was a violent criminal, in and out of jail, for crimes that stretched back to his teenage years.

Rehn's adult criminal record, made public this week by Alberta Justice, details a lengthy list of 57 convictions, starting in April 1999 when he was ordered jailed for two months for theft and breaking and entering.

Parole board documents show Rehn served two federal jail terms as an adult.

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RCMP Assistant Commissioner Marlin Degrand walks past a memorial for Const. David Wynn after speaking about his passing in Edmonton on Wednesday. Wynn suffered a gunshot wound to the head early Saturday morning and never recovered from his injuries. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lafleur arrest warrant was justified: Crown



Montreal Canadiens hockey legend Guy Lafleur leaves the courtroom for the lunch break in his lawsuit against the Montreal police and Quebec's attorney-general on Jan. 12, 2015, in Montreal. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Crown maintains the warrant issued for the arrest of former hockey great Guy Lafleur in 2008 was justified considering the seriousness of the crime.

Prosecutor Lise Archambault told Lafleur's civil trial Wednesday the warrant was issued to ensure Lafleur would tell the truth in the future.

The Montreal Canadiens legend is seeking \$2.16 million in a civil suit against the Crown and Montreal police for an arrest he calls unjustified and exaggerated.

He was arrested and found

guilty in 2009 of giving contradictory testimony at his son's bail hearing on sex charges.

The conviction was overturned on appeal in 2010.

While there have not been many criminal cases involving contradictory testimony, Archambault said she felt it was a very serious criminal offence.

The prosecutor testified telling the truth in court is the justice system's foundation.

Archambault said the prosecutor's office studied the case and was sufficiently convinced the two declarations made by Lafleur were contradictory.

"We were convinced, all of us, that there was contradictory testimony," Archambault said, recounting a meeting on the issue with three senior prosecutors.

Archambault denied she insisted on issuing the warrant, but said she acted on a police request for one.

But she admitted that aside from the gravity of the crime, there was no other reason to authorize an arrest warrant, as opposed to issuing a simple citation.

The case is expected to wrap up by Jan. 30. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Guy Lafleur

Because of his high profile and known address, Lafleur argues there was no need to issue an arrest warrant for him.

- **Seeking compensation.** Lafleur is looking for damages for financial losses, moral damages and suffering to his family. Lafleur also argues his reputation has been tarnished.

Swift Current, Sask.

Mountie arrested for drug trafficking

A Mountie based in southwestern Saskatchewan is facing drug-related charges.

The RCMP says the 31-year-old officer from Swift Current was arrested on Monday and charged

with trafficking cocaine and ecstasy.

He is to appear in Swift Current court on Feb. 18.

Police say the charges were laid after an investigation by the Moose Jaw Police Service uncovered information about the alleged offences.

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Royal Bank of Canada

Ex-employees abet theft, says bank

Royal Bank of Canada is accusing two former employees who worked at a Vancouver branch of orchestrating a pair of robberies worth more than \$200,000.

The bank has filed a civil

suit in B.C. Supreme Court, alleging Jeffrey Ho Nam and Maradona Hoang Vu helped an accomplice steal more than \$180,000 and \$20,000 US from a vault.

A statement of claim says the first theft occurred on Dec. 30, 2013, and the second happened on Jan. 31, 2014. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hidden in the cushions

Service dog sniffs out fugitive

Police in Vancouver nearly gave up their search for an Alberta fugitive until a service dog sniffed out the man's hiding place — inside a couch.

As Lupo began focusing on a couch in the living

room of a home on the city's east side, officers, who had looked high and low for their suspect, lifted the rather heavy piece of furniture and removed the fabric from the bottom. Police say they discovered 36-year-old Adam Harlock nestled in a cavity of the couch.

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Saudi women mingle at an art exhibit of seven Saudi female artists at the French Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Traditionally, women in Saudi Arabia are expected to be married by their early 20s. The increased number of single women over 30 has alarmed the country's clerics. HASSAN AMMAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

'Spinsters' defy Saudi traditions

Gender equality.
A trend of women staying single into their 30s is unnerving the Mideast kingdom's ultraconservatives

Amna Fatani knows she wants a brilliant career and a life different from that of Saudi women of her mother's generation, who married early, usually to a husband they didn't chose.

The 27-year-old, studying for her master's degree at Georgetown University in Washington is part of a growing number of Saudi women choosing to remain single through their 20s and into their 30s.

The trend has ruffled ultraconservatives who see it as an affront to the very foundations of the kingdom, which operates under strict interpretations of Islam and rigid tribal codes in relation to women.

"My friends and I have reached a point (where) we're very specific about what we want," she said. "I need someone who trusts that if I need to do something, I can make the decision to ask for help or choose to do it alone."

Saudi laws dictate women

cannot travel, study abroad, marry or undergo certain medical procedures without the permission of a male guardian.

The growing number of single women has alarmed clerics, who have responded by pushing for early marriage and warning of alleged evil consequences of "spinsterhood," such as sex outside wedlock.

During a 2005 sermon, the imam of Mecca's Grand Mosque, Abdul-Rahman As-Sudais, raised an early outcry against "the dangerous phenomenon of life-long spinsterhood," saying it endangers "the community as a whole."

Some Saudi media have joined the clerics in hand-wringing over — as one newspaper put it — "the army of

spinsters." A Saudi writer for the Al-Sharq news website called the phenomenon a "cancer" in society, leading to vice.

Traditionally, women in Saudi Arabia are expected to be married by their early 20s. In 2011, more than 1.5 million, or 45 per cent of Saudi women aged over 30 were single, according to the government.

Women outnumber men in the kingdom's universities, and there are tens of thousands.

Education is also changing attitudes toward marriage and giving women more confidence, said Hatoun al-Fassi, a professor of women's history in Saudi Arabia.

"You can no longer control these attitudes," she says.

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Online dating

Some Saudi women are also challenging the rules on how to meet a prospective husband as stories of secretive courtships away from parents' prying eyes abound in Saudi Arabia, pointing to a rebellious shift among the younger generation. Not surprisingly, even online dating is making waves.

Saudi blogger and women's rights advocate Tamador Alyami says women today are asserting their greater independence.

"They don't just want their mothers to meet with their (prospective) husbands' mothers and, you know, make all of the arrangements on their behalf." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Zambia. Election results postponed amid protests

Zambia's election commission on Wednesday postponed the announcement of partial results from a presidential vote after complaints from the opposition, whose supporters clashed with police outside the counting centre in the capital, Lusaka.

Officials will resume announcing results on Thursday morning, said Ireen Mambili-ma, head of the election commission.

Opposition leader and presidential candidate Hakainde Hichilema had noted that some polling stations stayed open Wednesday, a day after the election, and that announcing results while voting is still underway would undermine the process. Voting at the sites was extended by a day because of heavy rains that delayed delivery of voting equipment in some parts of the country.

Police at the counting centre in Lusaka fired tear gas to disperse some activists from Hichilema's group, the United Party for National Development, after they camped outside the building.



Presidential candidate Hichilema Hakainde THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The election was held to replace President Michael Sata, who died in October after a long illness.

The winner will serve out Sata's term until elections next year.

The main contenders are Hichilema, an economist, and Edgar Lungu of the ruling Patriotic Front party. Lungu, who heads Zambia's justice and defence ministries, says he wants to complete economic development projects initiated by Sata.

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Ireland

Grandma guilty of possessing coke for sale at bingo hall

Helen Heaphy's number came up at the bingo hall. The prize was a trip to court.

The 50-year-old grandmother pleaded guilty Wednesday to two counts of possessing cocaine for sale or supply after Irish police caught her with the narcotic outside a Cork bingo hall.

Cork District Court Judge Leo Malone accepted her lawyer's plea for clemency citing her family obligations and her possession of a relatively small amount of the drug worth 350 euros (\$500). Heaphy insisted she was holding the cocaine for an unspecified friend.

Malone fined Heaphy 750 euros (\$1,100) but gave her no prison time, despite having two prior convictions for drugs possession and obstructing a police narcotics unit.

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Chocolate

Cadbury Creme Egg recipe to stay same in Canada

Chocolate lovers are crying fowl over word that the recipe for the iconic Cadbury Creme Egg is being changed in the U.K. But Canadian Cadbury fans need not worry:



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a spokeswoman at the Mondelez Canada office said the Canadian recipe won't be affected.

Creme egg aficionados began protesting on social media when global snacks company Mondelez International announced that this year's batch for the U.K. will be made with "standard cocoa mix chocolate" instead of Dairy Milk chocolate.

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New Brunswick

Three companies face charges over 2013 bird deaths

Three companies now face charges after about 7,500 migrating birds were killed in 2013 when they flew into a flare burning at a natural gas facility in Saint John, N.B. Canaport LNG LP

was charged with three violations in October 2014. Irving Canaport GP Company Ltd. and Repsol Canada Ltd. now also face those charges under the Migratory Birds Convention Act that prevent anyone from depositing a substance harmful to migratory birds. They are also charged with killing Canada warblers under the federal Species at Risk Act. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Streaming TV. Apple shuts out CraveTV app

Read through the tweets posted by CraveTV and Shomi and you'll see suggestions that users might finally get Apple TV apps to access the Canadian streaming services.

If it was up to Bell Media, CraveTV would have launched with an Apple TV app, so users could stream content to their big screen TVs easily.

But Apple didn't allow it to happen.

"I'd love to say we have an app coming on Apple TV but we don't. This is Apple's strategy," said Jon Taylor, vice-president of digital products and strategy for Bell Media, at the CraveTV launch.

While Apple openly welcomes software developers from around the world to create apps for its iPhones and iPads, only a small club of companies have been given access to the Apple TV platform.

Netflix is among them, to the frustration of Bell Media, and Shomi's parent companies Rogers and Shaw.

AirPlay

CraveTV supports Apple's AirPlay technology, which allows users to beam content from their Apple devices to an Apple TV. Shomi does not support AirPlay, but does have an Xbox 360 app that facilitates streaming on a TV.



"They've said (to us), 'We're discussing our international strategy, we'll get back to you' — and that's about all you get from Apple," said Taylor.

Taylor hopes CraveTV and other Bell Media properties will be at the top of the list if and when Apple decides to open its platform up to more companies. At CraveTV's launch in December, Taylor had targeted the early part of this year for integration with Google's Apple TV competitor,

the Chromecast. He also said Roku devices will be supported "this year for sure."

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Mortgage rates to decline after rate cut: Economists

Debt. Bank's policy change could spur debt-burdened Canadians to borrow even more money

Canadian homeowners have likely gained a reprieve from an expected increase in mortgage rates this year.

Economists expect rates to dip slightly in response to the Bank of Canada's surprise move Wednesday to cut its trend-setting interest rate to 0.75 per cent, from one per cent, to soften the blow of dropping oil prices on the Canadian economy.

"This signals that low interest rates will be with us a while longer," said Avery Shenfeld, chief economist at CIBC World Markets, noting the central bank's rate cut will likely mean a corresponding 0.25 drop in variable, or floating, mortgage rates.

Fixed-rate mortgages are also likely to see a slight decline, as they follow bond yields, which will move lower in response to the rate cut.



The rate cut is expected to lead to decreased mortgage rates which could boost sales and prices of homes in Canada. However, economists fear it may also spur Canadians, who have been criticized previously for holding record levels of debt, to borrow more money. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

However, TD Bank was quick to announce Wednesday that it will maintain its prime interest rate at three per cent, noting that factors beyond the central bank in-

fluence its rates.

"Not only do we operate in a competitive environment, but our prime rate is influenced by the broader economic environment, and its

impact on credit," the bank said in a statement.

Although cheaper mortgage rates are likely to buoy real estate markets in Central and Atlantic Canada, TD economist Craig Alexander says the impact of oil prices will trump interest rates in Western Canada.

"I think it's inevitable that you're going to see a pullback in sales and a softening in price growth in real estate in oil-rich provinces because, at the end of the day, income growth in those provinces is going to be a lot less," he said.

However, the rate cut may also spur Canadians, who have been criticized previously by the Bank of Canada for holding record levels of debt, to borrow more money.

"I think in the Bank of Canada's eyes right now, it's a lesser of two evils," Shenfeld said. They've shown discomfort with the amount of borrowing Canadians have done, but the economy right now can't afford to shut the tap off on that if we're not getting the lift to growth from the energy sector."

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4chan founder says he's retiring

The American founder of the popular, if at times notorious, online message board 4chan is retiring as its administrator.

Christopher Poole launched the site in 2003 when he was 15 years old. 4chan lets users post messages and photos anonymously. Since its launch, 1.7 billion posts have been published on 4chan. It has more than 1.2 million daily visitors, Poole said.

Poole, known on the site as "Moot," said in a post on 4chan's news blog that a team of volunteers will take on

his responsibilities. He said running the site on his own has been challenging and 4chan will continue without him and that he will take time away to decompress. In response to an email asking what he'll be doing next, Poole responded "No idea," followed by a smiley face.

The site is where hackers deposited nude celebrity photos over the summer. It's also the birthplace of the hacker collective Anonymous. Over the years, 4chan has been called a home to cyber

bullying as well as do-gooder vigilante justice.

The site's "random," or "/b/" subsection gets the most notoriety. Besides the nude celebrity photos, photos of a dead woman's naked body were also posted there late last year. But 4chan has also been the source of lighter Internet memes. In 2010 users tried to send Justin Bieber to North Korea by flooding an online poll asking fans where the singer should perform next. It did not work.

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Christopher Poole is taking time away from 4chan, the site he launched when he was 15 years old, to decompress. GETTY IMAGES FILE

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VOICES

TOUGHER THAN A MUDDER

While events like Tough Mudder sell pain and injury in a fetishized, almost satiric way, the lived experience of the mud runs go far deeper than mere masculine showmanship

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Electroshock Therapy, Ring of Fire, Arctic Enema: These sound more like incidents that might have been redacted from the Senate Torture Report than recreational activities taken up on a volunteer basis, but for Tough Mudder participants, that's kind of the point, in both prosaic and profound ways.

With challenges like crawling under barbed wire, running up and down hills for kilometres and swimming completely submerged in ice water, organizers for the already-grueling obstacle course announced recently that they are upping the ante this year by adding a tear gas component.

Margaret MacNeill, a professor who studies the social and cultural aspects of sports and activity through the University of Toronto, says Tough Mudder getting even tougher is a pushback against a risk-averse safety culture that has crept into the rest of our recreational activities.

"Events like Tough Mudder have become popular in a culture where sports are one of the last bastions of masculinity," she says. "I suspect the lack of hesitation to entering — when most adults likely anticipate pain, agonizing eye irritation and potential injury while blinded — has lots to do with masculinity in risk sports and/or using these events to prove 'rugged individualism,' regardless of gender."

She says we can see this when we look at the public debate surrounding hockey concussions. "In the past it was this unfettered



Tough Mudder events are rife with militaristic metaphors, amongst others. GETTY IMAGES

culture of risk: You know, kids can take it; boys can take it harder," she says. "Now what we see is that, as people worry about all the long-term health issues, hockey is being re-negotiated into a culture of precaution."

Gavin Weedon, a PhD candidate at the University of British Columbia whose research looks at mud running events like Tough Mudder as part of a renaissance of physical culture, agrees Mudder taps into

the desire for risk and masculine bravado, but says the practice can also act on a far more profound level. "One of my most interesting findings is that these events act as material infrastructures, and potent metaphor, through which some people confront and overcome physical and emotional traumas sustained beyond the confines of the course."

In other words, perhaps the reason it

sounds like torture is because on a personal level, by forcing participants to confront and relive pain in their lives, it can seem close to it. Weedon stays away from the torture metaphor but says many participants have described the practice in therapeutic terms.

"A friend of mine injured her back in a car accident and chronicled her recovery through training for, and participating in, Tough Mudder, alongside friends and family. These aren't the most common stories, perhaps, but they are among the most intriguing."

While Tough Mudder promotes a 'tough guy' image, this isn't necessarily the intended audience. Weedon says the run aims to reach "urban white-collar professionals and young people, especially men, with disposable income and recreational time to do something like this." While all types might show up to events, "white men are consistently well represented."

It is significant then, that the intermingling of growth and pain offered by Mudder and aimed directly at men has no shortage of decidedly feminine metaphors: One event is called Birth Canal, while the tear gas portion, touted as the toughest obstacle yet, has been given the name Cry Baby. And a mudder, of course, is a mother.

Many people also describe these events in torturous terms, but unlike actual torture, it is something people take on voluntarily and comes with great reward, much like childbirth.

And there is no mudder tougher than that.

WHY I'LL NEVER DO A MUD RACE



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"Hell, no." This is my reaction every time someone says, "You should do Tough Mudder with us next year." No, no, no. Thank you, but no.

I don't hate exercise. I'll join the sweat-your-face-off-then-swoon-in-the-locker-room class at the gym, or run home from work to save the transit fare. I don't balk at pain. I gritted my teeth through days of labour.

But I draw the line at the gruelling army boot camp that is Tough Mudder, because from what I can tell, it's five hours of torture, followed by a flash of joy at the end. The hell-to-joy ratio just doesn't entice me.

I understand that people are driven to test their physical and psychological limits; to be able to boast, "I know what it feels like to get slapped in the face with an elec-

tric tendril, go down like a felled tree, then get up and keep going."

But no matter how euphoric it is to cross the finish line arm-in-arm with your battered, bruised and muddy compatriots, I'll still pass. I'll pass on the ice bath, the cleats in the face, the 17 lung-bursting kilometres running up and down a ski hill.

I have no burning need to see if I can tolerate tear gas, shimmy through a slimy narrow tunnel, or run across kerosene-soaked flaming straw. I have no interest in proving I can do these things because, frankly, they sound horrible (and vaguely dangerous). And I don't thrill at doing horrible (and vaguely dangerous) things for fun on a Saturday. So this year, like last, I'll cheer my loved ones from the sidelines (or home, depending on the weather). I'll apply Tiger balm to my husband's destroyed muscles and marvel at his strength and endurance. And I will regret nothing.

BONDING OVER BRAVADO



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I signed up for the Tough Mudder last summer because I like pushing myself: Doing something difficult requires a singular focus that my normal busy, multitasking day lacks.

Plus there's the pride thing. "This looks hard, Jess, do you think you can do it?" I ask me. "Ya damn right I can," I answer.

There was also this editor who has an enthusiasm for insane physical feats that is impossible to deny. He helped organize a group of colleagues, of varying levels of fitness, to do it together and agree to stick together, so no one would be left behind. So, it turned out that the Tough Mudder wasn't really about me, or my limits. It was a group bonding thing.

In a big office, you don't really know the people who work in a different depart-

ment, on a different floor, but after they work together to boost your butt over a mud slicked wall, you do.

When a colleague, friend or stranger on the course sees you at your worst — cold and tired beyond pride, mud-covered, out of breath, falling down, crying — and helps you with dignity, it's hard not to like them. On the Mudder course, there's always another obstacle, and you'll turn around and offer them a hand.

So if it sounds like a good idea know this: Yes, the electric shock thing hurts like hell. The ice bath, not so bad. The obstacles are mostly fun, it's the hills that kill you. As for the tear gas, I don't know. Maybe I'll find out.

And, those psychological studies that show pain promotes bonding — the sort of togetherness soldiers experience in basic training?

They're not wrong.



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The Road to Ruin and back

Memoir. Marky Ramone chronicles his wild life drumming for the seminal punk band from New York

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Metro World News in New York

Drummer Marky Ramone may not have been a founding member of the Ramones, but his impact on the band's legacy — and the punk movement as a whole — is hard to deny. Even so, some critics still dismiss him for not being an “original” member of the iconic band.

“Being in the Ramones for 15 years and 1,700 shows, I felt it was time to tell my story,” says Marky (whose real name is Marc Bell).

For Bell, that story is being told in a new memoir aptly titled, *Punk Rock Blitzkrieg: My Life as a Ramone*. Bell admittedly pulls no punches in the book, which he wrote with author Rich Herschlag.

“It is the most comprehensive book out there about the band,” says Bell.

Readers can expect a fly-on-the-wall take of what it was like to be alongside the Ramones during the height of the cult phenomenon known as punk rock. The book covers everything from hanging out with other punk luminaries at the legendary CBGBs, to observing the famously tense relationship between Joey and Johnny Ramone.

“The book reads a little like fiction and a little like a travel log,” says Herschlag, who compares the feel of the memoir to Jack Kerouac's *On the Road*. “We wanted to make people feel like they were there.”

According to Herschlag,



Marky Ramone opens up about his new memoir, *Punk Rock Blitzkrieg*. CONTRIBUTED

the book provides a more intimate snapshot of the band. For example, the fact that Joey Ramone had obsessive-compulsive disorder is no secret. But few know the extent to which his OCD affected the band as a whole. Herschlag recalls one story from the book where Bell talks about Joey's compulsive need to tap things.

“After their 1980 album *End of the Century*, they flew to England, and (Joey) wouldn't get off the plane because he wanted to fly back to tap something in

New York,” says Herschlag.

Other times, the band would be late for gigs because of Joey's need to run across the street to tap a curb. According to Herschlag, this only fueled the palpable tension between Johnny and Joey.

Personal rivalries aside, the book also takes a hard look at Bell's battle with alcoholism, which ultimately led to his departure from the band for four years during the '80s. Herschlag says that Bell's journey to sobriety was a powerful one.

Herschlag's personal connection to the Ramones is a unique story in itself. Growing up in Forest Hills, Queens in the 1970s, Herschlag was coincidentally raised in the same building as a construction worker-slash-musician named John Cummings (aka Johnny Ramone).

“At the time, I was like 10 years old and throwing water balloons off the roof,” says Herschlag, who remembers leather-clad band members frequently coming in and out of



Johnny's apartment. “It became known, even before they released an album, that there was this rock band in our building.”

The fact that Herschlag landed a gig co-writing Marky Ramone's memoir decades later was completely serendipitous. Either way, he's thrilled to be bringing Bell's stories to life. There are even talks of an in-the-works reality show that would document what the aging punk rocker's everyday life is like these days.

After disbanding in 1996, the Ramones were later inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2002. The punk pioneers also received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011. Today Bell serves as a global ambassador for punk rock with his band, Marky Ramone's Blitzkrieg. The group travels everywhere from Russia to Vietnam playing Ramones songs to a new generation of loyal fans.

“I'm the last link to the last four (Ramones),” says Bell. “My aim is to continue to play the music live because I feel the songs are too good not to be played.”

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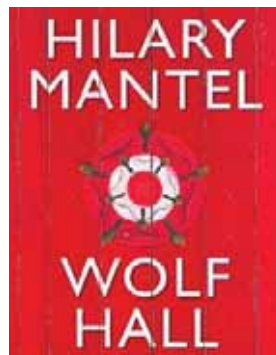
Book to TV. After his award-winning role as Brody, Damian Lewis will play Henry VIII in Hilary Mantel's six-part *Wolf Hall* series on PBS.

For some *Homeland* fans, it will be hard to imagine treasonous sleeper agent Nicholas Brody as King Henry VIII in *Wolf Hall* on PBS.

Heck, most fans likely don't know that the all-American marine portrayed so ably by Damian Lewis is actually British. Lewis, along with his perfect American accent, was convincing enough in his portrayal of the tough, conflicted character to win both an Emmy and a Golden Globe. Now he gets to play the most quintessential of British monarchs.

"Henry as a brand is right up there with Coca-Cola," says Lewis at the Television Critics Association conference.

"The scholarship in the book is absolutely true and accurate. And it's a reimagined



world in which she (author Hilary Mantel) just gets in behind closed doors with these characters. I think Henry is a capricious, mercurial man and a man who I hope, in this rendering of him, isn't simply the syphilitic, philandering Elvis that people have tended to think he is. Actually, he was a more complex man than that."

The six-part series, which starts April 5, is based on Mantel's *Wolf Hall*, the Man Booker Prize-winning historical novel set in 1520 that charts the rise of Thomas Cromwell to power during the reign of Henry VIII.



Damian Lewis says Henry VIII was more complex than the philandering Elvis character most people know. CONTRIBUTED

Cromwell, born to a working-class family, would become the most powerful adviser to the king during a turbulent era that included the Protestant reformation.

Lewis did some research for the role and discovered that the king was rather vain, including the fact that he liked to show off his calves.

"They basically put me

in leggings, so I don't get to show them off that much," joked Lewis. "But Henry was a man who actually sought out and pursued romantic love. He wanted the normalizing

experience of courtship. He liked to write love poems, sonnets. He wanted a woman that he could fall in love with and would fall in love with him. It was a normalizing experience that he sought."

The Masterpiece Theatre series has an all-star team, including veteran theatre and Tony Award-winner Mark Rylance playing Cromwell and director Peter Kosminsky, who directed Ralph Fiennes in *Wuthering Heights*.

"Peter shoots it in such a beautiful, unfussy, unpretentious way, it's very immediate," says Lewis. "So the camera is very still. Rather than just hard cuts and music scores, which is a sort of macho, quick, you know, muscular way of moving through a film, the film has an incredible sensuality to it."

"You just start to hear people breathing, and you get the rustle of the clothing, and you start to smell the room and feel the candlelight. And that was something that struck me when I watched it. It was a pleasurable experience."

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Jenner drops
home school
for her career

Apparently, one of the perks of being home-schooled is you can just up and quit it without the local government getting persnickety.

That's exactly what Kylie Jenner, the youngest and most vulnerable of the Jenner-Kardashian brood, did, insisting that getting an education was too much of a distraction.

"Kylie quit home-schooling a few months ago. She told her mom it was getting 'in the way' of her career, and that she wanted to focus her energies on building her personal brand and making money," a source tells Life & Style of the 17-year-old.

And apparently mom and manager Kris Jenner "gave in," which makes sense since she's totally into the whole "building a personal brand and making money" thing.

Kris, in fact, "feels the girls are smart and savvy and they don't need a piece of paper to show that."

Well, as long as she's feeling it, who are we to judge?



Kylie Jenner

waiting until he could (legally) get liquored up for the televised take-down, as the roast will take place shortly after his 21st birthday.

But this all begs the question: Isn't roasting Bieber redundant, considering any and all coverage of him over the past few years?

"Justin has been asking us for a few years to roast him, and we just kept telling him to go create more source material first. We're thrilled he listened," says Comedy Central exec Kent Alterman.

Of course, maybe they were just

When Comedy Central took over roasting duties from the Friars Club, it kept the original spirit of lampooning legends toward the end of their careers. Well, they're putting that tradition behind them with the announced roast of Justin Bieber. Hoo boy.

Won't roasting Justin Bieber
just be a typical day for him?Don't tell Kim Jong-un:
The Interview is on Netflix

Well, that was fast. If your biggest complaint about The Interview coming to VOD right away at Christmas was you didn't want to pay to watch it in your home, you're in luck — as long as you're a Netflix subscriber.

The controversial film that nearly

James Franco and Seth Rogen in The Interview

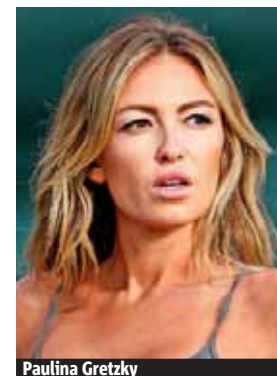


destroyed Sony is coming to the streaming service this weekend. The film has raked in more than \$40 million in digital sales in the past month plus \$6 million from its very limited theatrical run. That pushes its gross return past its \$44-million production budget, but just barely.

The Great One is a grandpa
as Paulina and her fiancé
welcome a baby boy

Paulina Gretzky gave birth to a son on Monday. Her fiancé, PGA golfer Dustin Johnson, released a statement saying, "Paulina and I are happy to announce the arrival of our baby boy, who was born in Los Angeles on Monday morning. Both Paulina and the baby are healthy, resting comfortably and in great spirits! We sincerely appreciate the outpouring of love and support we have received and plan to release further details in the coming days!"

No word on the name, but perhaps



Paulina Gretzky

that's part of the "further details."

The pregnancy was announced in September.

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The fashion show must go on

Style. Canadian Fashion Police panellist Brad Goreski dishes on style, the stars and his newest TV gig

Long before he was dressing celebrities for the red carpet, Canadian stylist Brad Goreski credits trail-blazing homegrown series Fashion Television and host Jeanne Beker for helping nurture his budding interest in style.

"When I was a kid watching TV every Sunday night, my dad would kind of cringe when he heard the theme song of Fashion TV come on, but I watched it religiously," recalled Goreski of the now-defunct series which aired for 27 years.

"She was really my window into the world of fashion. I learned so much from her and for her dedication to reporting the latest in fashion, getting right to the designer, asking them the important questions. That was really the beginning."

The Port Perry, Ont., native said his family was also a key source of support, as he recalled wearing "crazy outfits" to school and being obsessed with fashion magazines.

"Growing up in a small town and encouraged to be who I was and to really cultivate those skills and not try to shut them down has led me to be able to do the things that I've become very successful at — and that, to me, is such a gift," said Goreski.

Goreski has styled notable leading ladies including Jessica Alba, Noomi Rapace, Christina Ricci and Demi Moore. At the recent Golden Globes, he styled Downton Abbey star and best supporting actress winner Joanne Froggatt in a strapless, embellished Marchesa gown, and also dressed actress Jenna

One stylish set



A little Goreski goes a long way

Goreski says he sees Fashion Police as a prime opportunity to combine his expertise as a stylist and knowledge acquired over years in fashion with his love of entertainment. He also seeks to share insight with viewers about why he sees a particular look as a hit or miss.

"I know how much work goes into getting a celebrity ready for the red carpet, and so I never really want to come off as being hypercritical ... just saying: 'The look doesn't look great.' ..."

"That's what I hope I can bring every week: lots of humour and lots of fun, but also maybe help people see things and actually develop a critical eye as opposed to just saying: 'Oh, I thought she looked terrible.'"

Dewan Tatum (wife of Fox-catcher star Channing Tatum) in a buttery yellow Carolina Herrera creation.

The Los Angeles-based

Goreski is now adding fashion critique to his repertoire, dishing on and dissecting celebrity style as the newest panellist on Fashion Police, which airs

Mondays at 9 p.m. ET on E! Goreski and new show host Kathy Griffin join series vets Kelly Osbourne and Giuliana

Quoted

"The heart of the show and the legacy Joan put in place is still there. We want to honour that, but we also want to bring a fresh perspective."

Brad Goreski on the late Joan Rivers

Rancic on the four-member panel.

A recent episode devoted to assessing styles from the Golden Globe Awards was the first since the death of host Joan Rivers last September at age 81 following complications from surgery.

Goreski said this season will feature 17 episodes and will mostly be built around red-carpet events like the upcoming Screen Actors Guild Awards, Grammys and Oscars. He said they also plan to bring back past segments that fans love in addition to introducing new ones into the mix.

"The heart of the show and the legacy Joan put in place is still there. We want to honour that, but we also want to bring a fresh perspective," said Goreski.

"The show must go on, and I think that people can still expect very honest commentary and critique of what's happening on the red carpet. Lots of laughs."

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Canadian street style

Name: Bianca

Age: 22

Occupation: Co-founder/designer at Kastor & Pollux

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skirt, Miista boots.

Her inspiration

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Trends Report

A lash glue with natural ingredients

Finding cosmetics that are both natural and safe is a difficult task, and Emily Lyons can attest to that. The Toronto-based owner of a media agency says she often hears models complaining of swollen eyes and eye lids, and was disgusted to discover the lash glue they were using contained

the chemical formaldehyde. "A lot of the ingredients in these glues are actual confirmed carcinogens that are being applied to your eye," she says.

Being a proponent of healthy living, Lyons and a friend in the modeling industry searched for better lash glue on the market but were left dis-

appointed. She eventually found a team of chemists who were willing to take on the challenge to help her, and after a year of research and development, True Glue was completed.

The Canadian-made adhesive was launched in December 2014, and can be purchased online at trueglue.com at a cost of \$9.99 for a small tube, \$14.99 for a medium tube and \$24.99 for a large tube.

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Genevieve Gorder hit the real estate jackpot. After a decade in her New York City apartment, the HGTV host, who had outgrown the space, found out the unit next door was on the market. "It's the New York dream," exclaims Gorder, who bought the neighbouring apartment and spent 18 months combining the two spaces to create the perfect home for her and daughter, Bebel. "The chapters of your life keep evolving and our home so rarely catches up to where we are," explains the interior designer. "It had been almost eight years since I renovated so it was time on many levels. I had had a child since I had renovated, I had a marriage, I had a divorce, I've had different jobs. I just wasn't the same woman that I was from when I first renovated." For those of us that don't have a blank slate, but still want to freshen things up for 2015, Gorder offers these tips

TINA CHADHA
Metro in New York City

Fresh ideas to wake up your decor

Attack your shelves

"This is the perfect time to do a big purge," stresses Gorder. "We tend to collect and the collections become weighty and they become almost an energy suck to a lot of spaces, from your bookshelves to your closet."

Her suggestion: Attack your bookshelves. "This is where you house, basically, what I think is the trophy case of your life," says the expert.

Once you've passed on some of those old books — Lonely Planet guides, we're looking at you — start reconfiguring your collection.

"Bring in new photography. Work with vertical and horizontal lines, so stack books on their ends and on their backs," says Gorder. Use them as surfaces to add objects like a little vase or a picture frame.

"You then create these little waves of pause and crazy within your bookshelf which keeps them interesting and keeps you moving across them," she says.



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"Bookshelves are one of the most beautiful spaces in our homes." HGTV host Genevieve Gorder

Liven up the walls

While paint is obviously the most affordable and boldest change you can make, Gorder says in 2015, it's really about diving into different palettes. "Black and navy are going to be huge," says the designer, who painted her new living room black. "It's so dramatic. I love how everything pops off of black."

Want to have more fun with your walls? Gorder recommends Tempaper for renters. "It's a temporary wallpaper. You can cover your foyer in an hour and all of a sudden you have a completely different space," she says. "It's a really fun way to make your house feel like you're not renting and bring in some distinct pattern, especially in those transitional spaces like hallways, stairways and bathrooms."



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"You have everything at fingers' reach. All your lighting can be in one switch on your phone, as well."

Genevieve Gorder

Create a smart home

"A huge part of my job is helping people step into the idea of a smart home, which is, shockingly enough, one of the most affordable ways to update your place," says Gorder.

"It starts with bringing all your security onto your tablets or onto your phone. You have everything at fingers' reach. All your lighting can be in one switch on your phone, as well."

But before you get plugged-in, Gorder stresses taking the time to understand the new gadgets and reading the manuals. "I find we often hate doing that, so we have all these incredible features and not really know how to connect them or have them talk to each other," she says.

"Once you invest that initial couple of hours your house starts working for you and that's a beautiful thing when you can turn off your security alarm from another state. Or I can set my thermostat on my phone so the house is really warm when I get home."

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Fish and chips has some competition

Lunch. This Salt-and-Pepper Squid and Chips recipe is a unique alternative to traditional haddock or cod

1. Preheat the oven to 160 C.

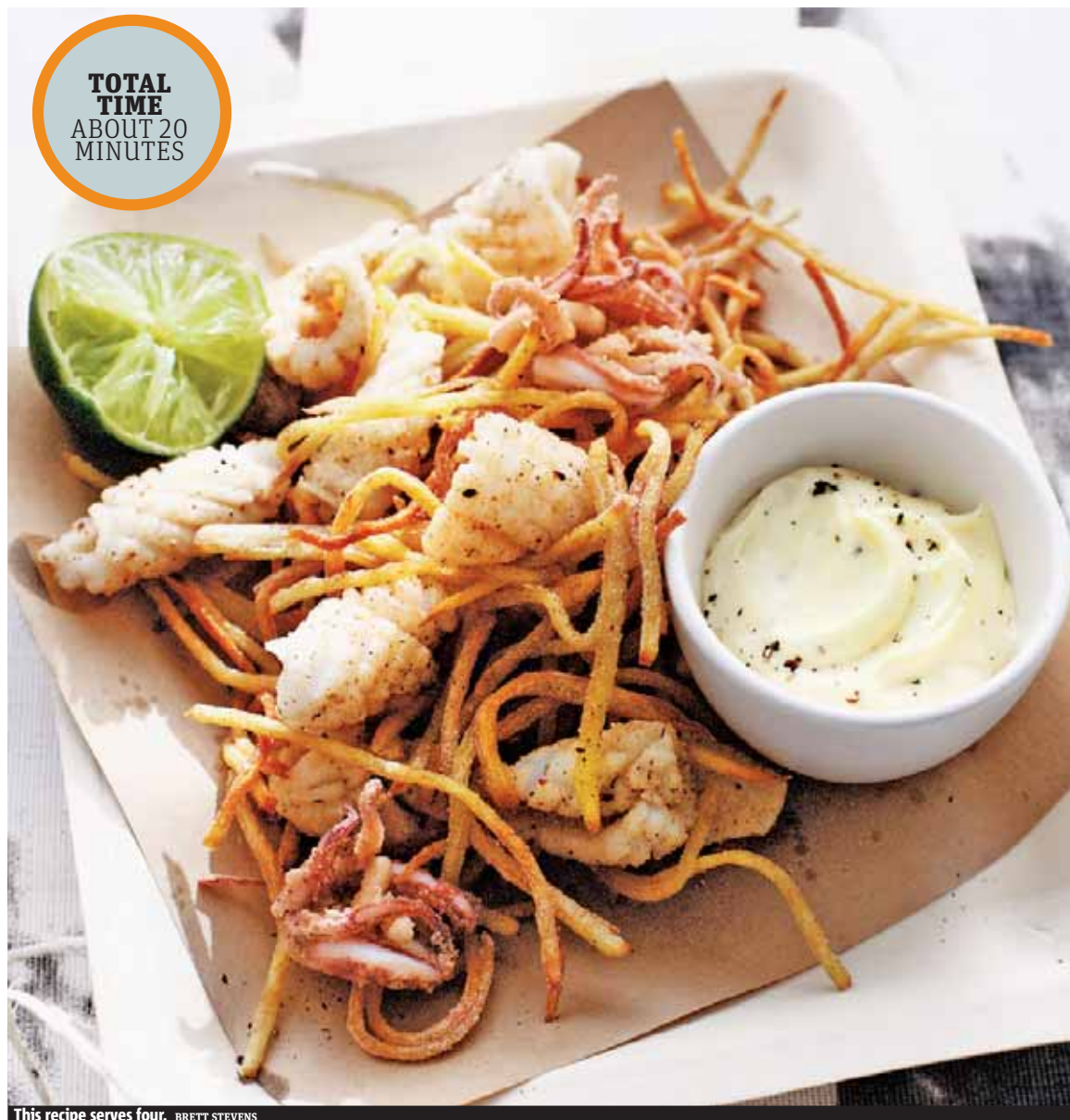
2. Dry-roast the chilli, peppercorns and Szechuan pepper with 2 tablespoons of sea salt in a wok over medium heat for 2-3 minutes until fragrant. Grind to a powder in a spice grinder or mortar and pestle. Place in a bowl with the flour and mix well. Set aside.

3. Cut the tentacles away from the squid tubes, discarding beak. Open out the tubes and clean, then lightly score the insides of the tubes in a criss-cross pattern. Cut into bite-sized pieces.

4. Half-fill a wok or deep-fryer with oil and heat to 160 C. Fry the chips in the oil for 2 minutes until almost cooked, then remove and drain on paper towel. Toss the chips in half the flour mixture and set aside.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp dried chilli flakes
- 1 tbs whole black peppercorns
- 1 tbs Szechuan peppercorns (available from Asian food shops)
- Seasalt
- 3/4 cup (100 g) rice flour
- 1 kg small squid
- Peanut oil, to deep-fry
- 3 large potatoes (about 800 g), peeled, cut into matchsticks (a mandoline is ideal for this)
- Lime wedges and aioli* (garlic mayonnaise, which is available at selected supermarkets and delis), to serve



This recipe serves four. BRETT STEVENS

5. Increase oil to 190 C. Toss the squid tubes and tentacles

in remaining flour mixture and shake off excess. Fry, in batch-

es, for 2 minutes until crisp and golden. Drain well and keep

warm in the oven while you finish the chips. Return the

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While you may not always want to judge a book by its cover, this time go right ahead. True to its cover and title, Quick Smart Cook by Valli Little is packed with ideas when you're short on time and dishes that help to reduce the stress of entertaining.

The book features 120 recipes and photography in an easy-to-follow format. Whether you're a novice looking for easy techniques or a seasoned cook seeking new ideas, the book will help to inspire your culinary repertoire.

Among the recipes are Panzanella Salad, Thai Lobster Curry, Maple-Glazed Duck, Moroccan Cottage Pie, Carrot Cake and Swedish Apple Cake. **METRO**

chips to the oil for a further 1-2 minutes until crisp and golden, then drain well.

6. Serve the salt-and-pepper squid and chips with lime wedges and aioli. **RECIPES FROM QUICK SMART COOK BY VALLI LITTLE. PUBLISHED IN CANADA BY HARPER-COLLINS. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.**

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Mooseheads

Meier selected to play in Top Prospects Game

Halifax Mooseheads right-winger Timo Meier is in St. Catharines, Ont., Thursday to participate in the 2015 BMO CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game.

The Canadian Hockey League named 40 of its top draft eligible prospects to two rosters Dec. 17. Meier laces up for Team Orr, which faces off against Team Cherry at 7 p.m. ET.

Meier is one of 14 QMJHL players in this year's game, which comes two days after NHL Central Scouting released mid-term rankings putting him 12th overall.

"My goal this season is to take care of the process and trust that the result will be there at the end," the 18-year-old told bmotopprospects.ca. "I'm going to use Thursday as an opportunity to show the scouts and fans how I play."

Meier is second in Mooseheads scoring this season, with 56 points. Tonight's game will air on Sportsnet and TVA Sports.

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NBL Canada

Rainmen lose first of two on road

The Halifax Rainmen fell 95-68 to the Windsor Express on the road Wednesday night.

Six different players scored in double figures for the Express en route to the win, with Quinnet Brown notching 19 points.

Windsor improves to a 15-7 record to lead the Central Division, while Halifax moves to 10-11. METRO

Women's hockey

Wong off to Team Canada camp

One Nova Scotian has made the cut for the national women's hockey team's training camp.

Blue-liner Jessica Wong, 23, of Baddeck, is one of 24 players who will hit the ice next week in Blainville, Que., for five days of practices and two exhibition games.

The camp will help hockey scouts select the final roster that will compete at the world women's hockey championship in Sweden, this spring. METRO



Saint Mary's Huskies football alumnus Jonni Shreve, 31, works out Wednesday afternoon at Fitness FX in Halifax, part of his daily routine as an elite bodybuilder and personal trainer. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Shreve shaping a healthy future

Bodybuilding. From downing drugs to chasing dreams, former Saint Mary's football player is all about transforming lives



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Before he started chasing his dreams, Jonni Shreve had to chase away his demons.

The former Saint Mary's Huskies football player, who won four Atlantic University Sport titles over his five-year career on the field, has gone from potential-filled athlete addicted to alcohol and drugs, to successful amateur bodybuilder hooked on having a healthy body and mind, while helping others achieve the same.

"Through outer influences and personal decisions, I fell upon addiction, trying to cover up the fact that I was depressed," the 31-year-old from Windsor, Ont., admitted Wednesday, just before his daily workout at Fitness FX in Halifax.

"I was an alcoholic very young. I drank all throughout high school, religiously," said Shreve.

After violent incidents brought on by alcohol, and finishing high school despite losing post-secondary scholarships, Shreve turned instead to drugs, discovering that cocaine and ecstasy provided an easy "escape" from his clinical depression.

"I went to university, and played football, and no one knew," said Shreve, who finished at Saint Mary's in 2012 with a bachelor of arts in sociology and criminology, as well as a Uteck Bowl win and Vanier Cup appearance.

Quoted

"You have to want to change."

Provincial bodybuilding champion Jonni Shreve

"I kept it quiet."

The drugs worked — until they didn't.

"That's when everything came to a halt," Shreve said. "I basically ran to therapy."

In January 2011, with the support of his girlfriend, the Dartmouth resident started treatment for addiction. His current medications of choice are continued counselling and staying in shape — physically and mentally.

Shreve is also focused on his personal goals. Those include turning pro on the bodybuilding circuit this year, growing his Hardcore Training business to help elite and inexperienced ath-

letes alike, and giving viewers an inside look at his gym journey in a new reality documentary called Radical Body Transformation.

The show is being produced by the same team that made Generation Iron featuring Arnold Schwarzenegger and the world's top bodybuilding contest, Mr. Olympia. They made their first stop in Nova Scotia to catch Shreve in action last month, with filming expected to conclude in August.

Shreve, who most recently finished fifth at the 2014 Arnold Amateur and second at the 2014 Canadian Bodybuilding Federation nationals in the heavyweight division, hopes sharing his story will help others who have struggled to start talking and chase their own dreams.

"It doesn't matter what your goals are," he said. "If I can make a change, then anyone else can."

NHL

Karlsson, Sens hand Maple Leafs a 6th straight loss

Erik Karlsson scored twice to lead the Ottawa Senators to a 4-3 win over the struggling Toronto Maple Leafs Wednesday night.

Mike Hoffman and Mika Zibanejad also scored for the Senators (19-18-9) while Craig Anderson stopped 37 shots.

David Clarkson, Nazem Kadri and James van Riemsdyk scored for the Leafs (22-23-3), who head into the all-star break on a six-game losing skid.

James Reimer made 22 saves and lost for just the second time in his career at Canadian Tire Centre (8-2-0).

Ottawa jumped out to an early 3-0 lead. The Leafs only got on the board at the 13-minute mark of the second period.

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Against Chicago

Truro's Zach Sill scores his first NHL goal

It was a night to remember for Truro's Zach Sill.

Playing in his 52nd NHL game, the hard-working forward with the Pittsburgh Penguins wired a shot from the slot past Chicago Blackhawks netminder Corey Crawford for his first NHL goal.

Sill, in his second season with Pittsburgh, jumped after scoring the second-period marker and was mobbed by his teammates.

The Penguins were down 2-0 when Sill scored on an Andrew Ebbett's assist. Steve Downie tied the game seven minutes later.

Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane scored for Chicago in the shootout portion of the 3-2 win. David Perron and Sidney Crosby missed their chances. METRO

Soccer coach Jazic: 'I love it'

Under-15 team.

Former staple of Team Canada says he's having a ball with kids



Ante Jazic GETTY IMAGES FILE

For years, he patrolled Canada's flank. On the club front, soccer took him from Croatia to Russia before he retired in Tinseltown.

Today Ante Jazic is helping groom the next generation of Canadian soccer players. The 38-year-old Halifax native is one of several former Canadian internationals who have been enlisted by Canadian Soccer Association technical director Tony Fonseca to share their skills.

"I love it, I really enjoy it," Jazic, head coach of the Canadian under-15 team, said of his new duties. "I love all that's involved behind the scenes."

"As a player you don't realize how much planning goes into everything: planing a session, trying to feature the right players, getting the group together, the right squad, the mix, the balance. I've actually really enjoyed that and I'm

learning on the job every day.

"It's something I'm passionate about, especially with Canadian soccer and identifying talent and building the youth teams. And hopefully identifying talent that will help our future men's national team."

Jazic, who won 35 caps for Canada from 1998 to 2012, is currently assisting under-20 coach Rob Gale at the CONCACAF U-20 Championship in Jamaica.

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March 21 - April 20

Do not get emotional about money. Yes, of course, it's nice to have enough of the stuff not to have to worry about paying the bills but at the end of the day it's still just coloured paper.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

A friend may be holding out on you in some way, but is it important? Pretend not to notice. If a small victory makes them happy, let them have it.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Someone more experienced than you will take you under their wing and teach you a number of things worth knowing. Amazingly they won't ask for a favour in return.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Don't worry if you fall behind in your schedule because you will catch up with ease tomorrow when Saturn compels you to act. It's nice to be on top of your work but it's no big deal if you waste time occasionally.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Where money matters are concerned push personal feelings to one side and do what's best for your long-term interests.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Don't make any hard plans for the next 24 hours because they will change. If a partner insists that you change direction, agree with them. Be flexible.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you restrict yourself to one way of completing a task you will get bored and either do a poor job or give up on it. Keep yourself interested by varying your routine.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You won't find it hard to get things done today but try to remember that not everyone is as motivated as you. It gives you an excuse to work on your own, which you prefer.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You may have a thousand and one issues to deal with but you must still find time to let loved ones know they mean the world to you. Remember, it's not about "me" it's about "us".

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

No one expects you to be perfect, so why do you expect it of yourself? If you have made some kind of mistake then hold your hand up and admit it.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If you want someone to do you a favour you are going to have to flatter them, even though they don't deserve it. Keep your real thoughts to yourself.

♓ Pisces

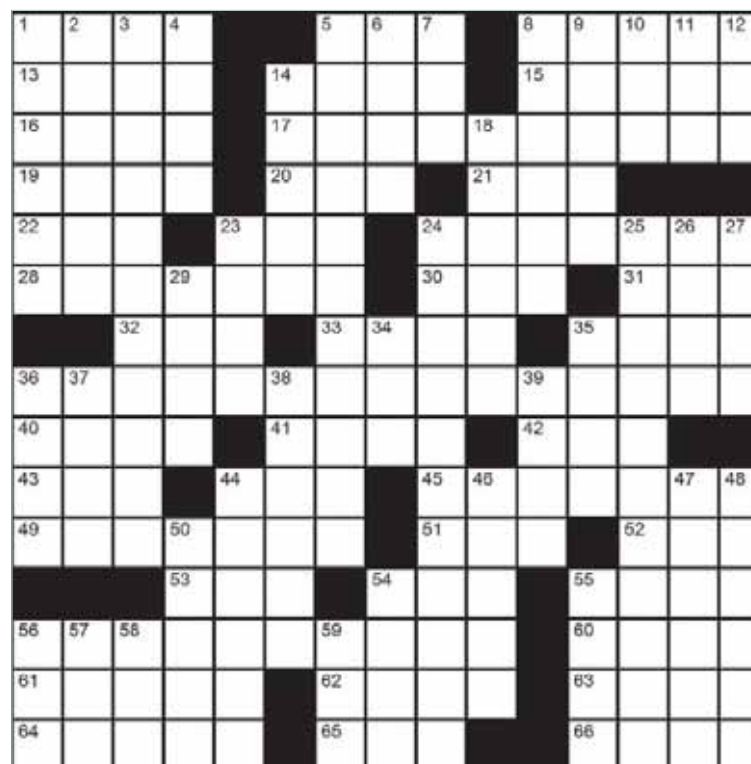
Feb. 20 - March 20

Make it your aim over the next few days to finish something you started a long time ago. You may have to shut yourself away but focus and get it done.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Somewhat, music-ally
5. Puget, e.g.
8. Rapper whose 2007 album 'Epiphany' reached number one
13. German industrial region
14. Hoover Dam lake
15. Convey
16. 'Hypn' suffix
17. Grooming for guys
19. The Who's "___ O'Riley"
20. Wine classifica-tion, with Grand
21. '___' for Richelieu
22. Certain conscious-ness
23. T.O. Raptors home
24. Mount of the Muses
28. German: German
30. 'Fact' finisher
31. Canadian broad-caster Mr. Lewis
32. Angelina Jolie flick
33. Yore
35. The ___ (Hamilton's daily newspaper, commonly)
36. Drama series star-ring Steve Buscemi set during Prohibition-era Atlantic City: 2 wds.
40. "You Can Count ___" (2000)
41. Actor, Michael ___
42. Asleep
43. Adriatic ___
44. Chg. card percent-age
45. Catch



49. Michael ___ (Newfoundland au-thor of current novel Sweetland)
51. Li'l digits
52. Captain's record
53. Mo. after March
54. Ms. Messing, briefly
55. Wound's remnant

56. 1982: Top 40 song for Frank Zappa and his daughter Moon Unit: 2 wds.
60. Obscure
61. The Miracles' "You Really Got ___ on Me"
62. Advantage
63. Mr. Redding

64. Expire
65. Mattel product
66. Views

Down

1. Examined
2. Electricity problem
3. City in the Nord-du-Quebec region of La Belle Province

4. Sea wolf
5. Type of rescue operation: 2 wds.
6. Mork's greeting, when doubled
7. Initials-sharers of Rhea Perlman's hubby
8. 1836: The Back-woods of Canada

- author, Catharine Parr ___ (b.1802 - d.1899)
9. Particular pop
10. Ms. MacGraw
11. Sir McKellen
12. NFL team on the East Coast [acronym]
14. Old Rome's 2300
18. Make
23. "Take ___ song..." - The Beatles, "Hey Jude"
24. Canadian petrol-eum company (with a dog logo) headquar-tered in Calgary: 2 wds.
25. Ottawa: 2 wds.
26. Finished
27. Kind
29. Lose steam
34. Calgary, ___
35. Made the wool
36. Pear variety
37. Niner - Eighter = Er, what?
38. Ontario: Niagara-on-the-Lake establish-ment
39. Toronto neigh-bourhood, ___ Park
44. Hold back
46. Stately
47. Rock tour profes-sion
48. Go forth
50. Retail complexes
54. "White Flag" songstress
55. Sandal, for one
56. ___d'Or, QC
57. '80s group
58. Crop
59. Acquire

Yesterday's Crossword



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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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PATRIOTIC PARKAS



It's only fitting that we should make it through a Canadian winter by bundling up in Canadian-designed coats. And plenty of homegrown parka-makers are here to help us out



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Parkas made in the Great White North are currently hotter than a fresh cup of joe from Tim Hortons.

On a bone-chilling afternoon a line of cars waits to park at high-end lifestyle retailer Sporting Life. Inside, most shoppers make a beeline for the racks of Canada Goose parkas. Rival made-in-Canada brands like Moose Knuckles also attract interest. Many customers will eventually get in line to shell out hundreds (and sometimes north of \$1,000) for a down-filled coat.

Despite the hefty price tags everyone from students to seniors has bought in.

So have retailers. At Sporting Life, Canada Goose products are always front-and-centre at its midtown Toronto store, even in the middle of July. The Ontario chain has recently grown and is set to expand west to Calgary next year.

Canada Goose, which started in 1957, has taken celebrating Canadian connections to new heights. Our country is in its name and a map of the Arctic is on its logo. The brand may have finally hit peak Canadian earlier this season when it teamed up for a second time with Drake for a capsule collection.

Branding parkas as symbols of Canadiana chic has paid off. Canada Goose has opened a new 96,000-square-foot factory in Toronto, doub-

ling its previous production capacity, and it expanded its Winnipeg facility last fall.

"In terms of cold weather apparel, we are a world leader," says Marilyn McNeil-Morin, chair of the School of Fashion Studies at George Brown College.

We Canucks are known for knowing how to stay warm in cold climates. Centuries before Canada Goose hit it big, Canadian companies such as Hudson's Bay Company were famous for selling furs, McNeil-Morin points out.

These days most of the winter gear we buy, from toques to coats to boots, is made somewhere else. Buying parkas actually still made in our home and native land is an easy way to show others the depth of our true patriot love.

"We like supporting local jobs and our manufacturing economy," adds McNeil-Morin.

The fashion expert also notes that the quality of coats made here is usually higher than those made overseas.

We are clearly buying the Buy Canada message.

You can't hit the ice rink or the coffee shop without seeing a sea of red-and-white logos. The ubiquity has bred a backlash. Activists have called the parka-makers that use real fur and feathers "cruel." And some of us would rather shiver than wear what everyone else is wearing.

Upstarts have cropped up for the hipster set looking for a homegrown alternative. More subtle brands like OSC Cross have obviously taken a few pages from the Canada Goose patriotic playbook. OSC has named many of its coats after some of our cities and towns, such as the St. John's coat.

Parkas made at home are now both "cool and practical," says McNeil-Morin. What could be more Canadian than that, eh?

6 other games in town



Johnny Yiu

Johnny Yiu started in 2004. Its parkas are made in Toronto. The women's Adalyn parka is \$880 and is filled with goose down. At select retailers and johnnyyiu.com.



Cold Manufactured (CMFR)

CMFR started in 2010. Its parkas are made in Winnipeg. The men's Gormley parka is \$795 and filled with white duck. At select Sporting Life stores. Find other retailers at cmfrcanada.com.



OSC Cross

OSC Cross grew out of the Outdoor Survival Canada brand in 2012. Its parkas are made in Toronto. The men's St. John's parka is \$670 and contains goose and duck down. At select retailers and osccross.com.



The Wild North

The Wild North started in 2014. Its parkas are made in Oakville, Ont. The women's Lila parka is \$900 and made mainly of wool and filled with down. At Deluxe Boutique in Toronto and thewildnorthapparel.com.



Quartz Nature

Quartz Nature started in 1997. Its parkas are made in Saint-Hyacinthe, Que. The women's Éliane parka is \$699 and is filled with Canadian down. Find retailers or buy online at quartznature.com.



Moose Knuckles

Moose Knuckles started in 2007. Its parkas are made in Winnipeg. The women's Stirling parka is \$795 and contains down insulation. At select Sporting Life stores. Find other retailers at mooseknucklescanada.com.

Made for Antarctica

-30C+

Canada Goose's Expedition parka was originally developed for scientists working in research facilities at McMurdo station in Antarctica. It is field tested for the coldest places on Earth, according to its website.